

Pollinator Summit Steering Committee

Notes from First Meeting

January 18, 2013

Attendees: Steve Bradbury, Donald Brady, Lois Rossi, Anita Pease, Richard Keigwin, Tracy Lantz, Thomas Moriarty, Robert McNally, Wayne Buhler, Clive Halder, Dan Jenkins, David Epstein, Janis McFarland, Mary Mitchell, Warren Richardson, Laurie Adams, Joseph Wisk, Lisa Nichols, Pat McCain, Jessica Christiansen, Mary Clock-Rust.

- Steve Bradbury explained the concept of the summit. The summit is designed to be EPA hosting/providing the forum to find efficiencies and partnerships among stakeholders that have different perspectives, resources, and interests but that share common objective-to protect pollinators; efforts that the broader public should know about.
- Donald Brady said part of the idea for the summit is to highlight the tangible efforts being made in these three areas of pollinator protection-Dust, Seed Treatment and BMPs. The one-day meeting will be hosted by EPA and EPA will facilitate a discussion around the current efforts and to focus on ongoing work. The summit will be a collaborative opportunity to exchange ideas and have conversations around the work being done.

The summit will be:

- A platform which EPA provides to facilitate discussion and information on current activities by a diverse group of stakeholders to address overall pollinator health.
- An opportunity for stakeholders to understand ongoing work and identify areas of additional collaboration for current and future actions.

EPA will invite stakeholders to:

- present summaries of the work they are doing and plan to do, in order to understand and reduce potential exposure or risk from pesticide products, and
 - look for opportunities for collaboration to build long-term changes that are protective of agriculture and honey bees.
- There was some discussion and clarifying questions about the different theme areas, how the day will go, and the proposed agenda. Thoughts shared included plenary session, short presentations in each of the three areas, breakout sessions and then wrap up/next steps.
 - Laurie Adams suggested each theme area identify three main points that they want to convey and to structure succinct presentations around those.
 - Lois suggested grouping people around the three theme areas, identifying subtopics and presenters. SC members volunteered for one of the three different theme areas that will be the focus of the summit (dust, seed treatment, BMPs).

- Warren Richardson asked that we use the remaining time to further explore each of the theme areas.

The group identified the following subtopics and members:

Seed Treatment Group Subtopics:

- Preparation of Seed for treatment
- Coatings and formulations
- Application processes following treatment

Members: Andrew Lavigne, Janis McFarland, Warren Richardson

Dust Group Subtopics:

- Talc replacement
- Equipment manufacturing design changes
- Midwest study (NAPPC?) to investigate exposures during plantings

Members: Clive Halder, ??

BMPs Group Subtopics:

- Intended Audience, Communication, availability of BMPs
- BMPs related to work in pesticide application, for beekeeping and broader health of bees
- Education, other possible sub topics?

Members: Wayne Buhler, Dan Jenkins, Dave Epstein, Joe Wisk, Laurie Adams, Tom Van Arsdall, Jessica Christiansen

➤ Next Steps:

- Each subgroup should organize a call for brainstorming over the next week (January 22-25) to clarify and expand or edit subtopics and sub-bullets under each theme area. Email Mary with your thoughts and findings by Friday January 25.
- Our next conference call will be January 28, at 12 noon EDT. We will use the same call-in number: [REDACTED] Code: [REDACTED]

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